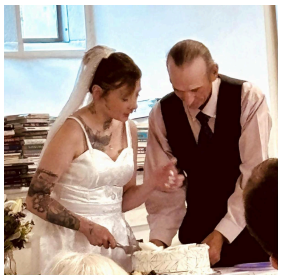
St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

Funeral Service for Mikenzy McCullough Bennett



St. John's is sad to announce the death of Mikenzy McCullough Bennett. Mikenzy and Frank Bennett, a long time member, exchanged marriage vows at St. John's on August 10, 2025. A funeral service will be held on Saturday October 17th at 11:00am with a reception following in the Undercroft.

May perpetual light shine upon her.

Rector's Essay

October is a good month to talk about baseball. Our national pastime is heading toward the World Series as I write. What I see when I watch baseball is an incredible multi-cultural ensemble of excellent athletes playing the game at the highest level. Our national game is shared by Central Americans, Mexicans, Dominicans, Cubans, Canadians and Japanese players. For me this is strong evidence that diversity is not a threat to our country but rather an enrichment to be celebrated.

Some fringe “blood and soil” activists are receiving unprecedented amplification through the Christian Nationalist movement and our Vice President. The basic idea is that Americans of Northern European ancestry - or “heritage Americans” - are more American than all other citizens, especially those from the global south. Ludicrous on its face considering the Native Americans who were here for aeons before colonization and the Spaniards who were here hundreds of years before white settlement.

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Fresh Start

Come to Coffee Hour this Sunday, October 18th, where founder and president of Fresh Start Sober Living, Scott Pardy, will discuss Fresh Start's mission and the four elements of St. John's ministry with the organization. Two of these elements are below:

Holiday Raffle

Fresh Start residents are eager to begin again, and sober living with others on the same journey is a critical key to their success. Most residents find employment quickly, but there is often a gap between move-in (often straight out of rehab) and income. Fresh Start does charge rent, but is flexible. All 30+ prizes have been donated by recovery-friendly businesses and individuals, and all proceeds will go directly to assist those residents struggling to make rent. Tickets are ten dollars. Please buy as many as you can from Alison Barkley aka Coffee Commandant or at the Fresh Start office - cash only, please. The more you purchase the better chance you have to win! You can purchase tickets any time up to November 27. There will be drawings every weekday in December, and Fresh Start will personally notify winners after each drawing.

Holiday Meals

Break bread with members of Fresh Start on November 26th (Thanksgiving Day) and December 25th (Christmas Day). Fresh Start residents and staff cook and gather for holiday meals each year at their large

sober living residence at 89 Ohio Street in Bangor. They are grateful for St. John's ministry and invite us to join them! Meals will be served at 2:00pm. Please bring a friend, a spouse, a partner, or all of the above! The purpose of our attendance is fellowship and ministry of presence. Please contact Alison Barkley or William Somes with questions and to RSVP.

Forward Day by Day

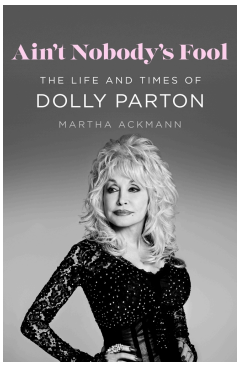
We have been notified that the November - January issue of Forward Day by Day has been shipped, but there are delivery delays. We will make copies available as soon as the new issue arrives.

Church Directories - Last call for updates

Over the next few weeks, you will find 3 Church Directories in the back of the church and in the Undercroft. Please check your listing and make sure we have your information correct and also let us know what information would be ok for us to print in a Parish wide directory. If you are unable to come in, please let Vanessa know what information, (address, phone number, email), is ok for us to share in the Parish wide directory that will be available in the coming month. Also, if you'd like your picture added, please send a photo along to the office at **office@stjohnsbangor.org**.

(Please DO NOT take one of these directories, we need the corrections in them that people are making to make the most updated directory that we can. We will make directories available this fall.)

Women's Book Group



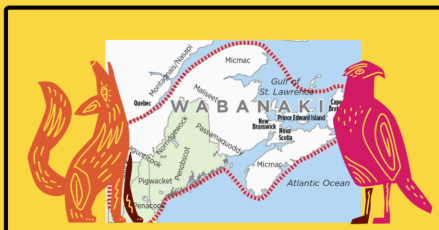
Our next Book Group gathering will be Tuesday, October 20th at 2 p.m. on **ZOOM** when we will be discussing "**Ain't Nobody's Fool: the life and times of Dolly Parton**" by Martha Ackmann.

We thought it might be fun to honor Dolly Parton by learning more details of her life, and Barbara has offered to lead the discussion. I think it should be an interesting, informative read.

The book we just read, "American Character" evoked a lot of good discussion. For more information, please contact the church office.

Interacting with Wabanaki-Maine History with Wabanaki REACH
October 24th, 2 pm to 4 pm at the Wilson Center, University of Maine Orono

Join with fellow Episcopalians from St. Patrick's in Brewer and St. James in Old Town for this important educational opportunity offered by Wabanaki REACH. A 2-hour interactive experience will engage participants in a story of particular events in the history of 400 years of colonization of Wabanaki people by Europeans in this territory now called the state of Maine. This highly engaging experience requires full participation in order to genuinely increase understanding of colonization and what it means for current descendants and future generations; to reflect on what story we are writing for our grandchildren. We are hoping that at least 10 members of St. John's will register for this important learning opportunity. The Rector will be attending. You can register by emailing the **Rector**.



COME EXPERIENCE

INTERACTING WITH WABANAKI-MAINE HISTORY

Join Wabanaki Reach in an interactive storytelling exercise on the 400 years of colonization of the Wabanaki people by Europeans in the territory now called the state of Maine. Participation limited, please register to secure your spot!

Learn More Here:

OCT 24
2-4 PM

67 College Ave, Orono, ME

TO REGISTER, EMAIL:
director@thewilsoncenter.org

DIALOGUE

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noun: a conversation between two or more persons

A Concert of Duos for Violin and Cello

Featuring music by Beethoven, Gliere, Bartok, and Ravel



Sunday, October 25th, 3pm
St John's Episcopal Church, Bangor ME
Free Admission! Donations encouraged

Saturday, November 14th, 5pm
Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben ME
Tickets online or at the door



RICHARD HSU, VIOLIN



SARAH HOSKINS, CELLO

All Saints and All Souls

Observance of All Saints and All Souls coming up on Sunday, November 1st. Please feel free to bring pictures of beloved people in your life who are now among the Communion of Saints. You can also feel free to bring pictures of people who you can consider Saints. You may bring pictures the Sunday before November 1st, drop them off at the office the week before Nov. 1st, or bring them on Sunday, November 1st. If you bring them on Sunday November 1 please arrive early enough so the pictures can be brought to the altar.

A Second Salvation Army Meal Team

For many years, St. John's has had a dedicated team of volunteers cooking and serving meals at the **Salvation Army**. We now have the capacity to help a second day each month, and we're looking for volunteers to join us! Our new team will serve on the second Monday of each month, beginning November 9th, from 9:30am-1:00pm at 65 S Park Street in Bangor. As churches have gradually stepped back from volunteering at the Salvation Army, we'd like to help fill some of those gaps and ensure this important ministry continues. If you're interested in cooking, serving, or simply lending a hand, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact **Robert F** or **David C**.

Contemplative Evensong

Many thanks to all who joined us for our second Contemplative Evensong service last Sunday! We had 21 people in attendance. We hope that it gave you a sense of closure to the day and a period of respite to prepare for the week to come! Mark your calendars now for our next Contemplative Evensong which will be on Sunday November 15th at 5:00pm.

Our Voice, Our Vote

Click this link to download a non-partisan voter empowerment guide.
https://mainecouncilofchurches.org/2026/09/our-voice-our-vote-2026/

There are a few printed copies in the Undercroft and on the table behind the back pews.



Episcopal Maine Public Policy Network - 2026 Election Engagement

Election season is fast approaching, and as Episcopalians, we believe our faith calls us to civic engagement. To encourage prayerful, productive engagement in the election process, we have assembled a roster of events and resources for clergy, lay leaders, and congregations, including poll chaplain/peacemaker training hosted by Multi-Faith Alliance Maine. We hope these resources will be helpful to you as you help to get out the vote on Nov. 3!
https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Election-Engagement-Issue---September-10--2026.html?soid=1102254033550&aid=nNEcyIaz0Oc



Rector's Essay

With baseball as my example, I would say all the evidence is that our culture is only enhanced and enriched by diversity and that its basic forms persist even in translation across cultures. Indeed, I would even go so far as to say that athletics should be a source of hope and a prime reason for us to have hope in the capacity of shared culture to balance diversity and assimilation.

The idea of examining diversity through the lens of sport came to me on Saturday while I watched Premier League Soccer on television. Once again we have a sport with roots in Britain that now includes the whole world. Asian, African, American, South Asian, South American, Central American, and Mexican players all play by the same rules while bringing distinctive cultures and styles to the mix. Even Americans are starting to fall in love with Football!

Or take Cricket as an example. My Philadelphia church shared a border with a Cricket Club. On Saturdays and Sundays I would watch people from all over the Commonwealth gather to play on the big green pitch, sporting their Cricket whites and emblems of their countries. That Cricket pitch was the most diverse place in our neighborhood, and the only grumble was that the Pakistanis and Indians were so much better than the people who colonized them and gave them the game in the first place.

And here we find the actual rub. White supremacy and 'blood and soil' are against diversity because it exposes the myth of cultural and ethnic supremacy for what it is, a mighty lie.

As followers of Jesus, we know that no one is 'less than' anyone else and that all people across the globe are our neighbors. When we embrace our neighbors our lives are enriched by their unique experiences of God while we discover the amazing ability of humans to find common ground to contain our differences.

-Jarrett

Announcements during the Sunday Service

This fall, the announcements will be made after the Prelude and before the Processional Hymn. If you would like to make an announcement or have the Rector make an announcement for you please let him know by the Friday before Sunday. We are making this move so our worship can be one unbroken focus on God.

Printed Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to the office by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the email weekly announcements and printed bulletins. Please submit photos / posters as a JPEG, and announcements in Word (not in a PDF).

Serving on Sunday October 18th:
Acolytes - David C., Dakota M. and Robert F.
Chalice Bearers - Richard W. and David C.
Counters – Roger G. and Paul J.
Lectors – Richard W., Ben O. and Michele V.
Ushers – Ken H. and John H.

Serving on Sunday October 25th:
Acolytes - Grant P., Isaac P. and Evelyn S.
Chalice Bearers - Cassy P. and Grant P.
Counters – Hilary G. and Don L.
Lectors – Ruth G., Hilary G. and Katharine F.
Ushers – Katharine F. and Mary W.

Thank you to all who volunteer as Lectors, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers and Ushers. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let the **office** know.

Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday Worship:
Worship Bulletin

What's Happening This Week

Saturday, October 17th, 11:00am: Funeral Service for Mikenzy McCullough.

Sunday, October 18th, 8:00am: Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.

Sunday, October 18th, 10:00am: Rite II Eucharist with choir, in-person and on **YouTube**, followed by Coffee hour in the Undercroft. Sunday School is available during the service.

Sunday, October 18th, 7:00pm: **AA** meeting in the Undercroft.

Tuesday, October 20th, 2:00pm: Women's Book Group on Zoom.

Wednesday, October 21st, 5:30pm: Great Wednesday with 5:30pm Eucharist and 6:00pm Bible Study **(also available on Zoom)** and dinner.

Thursday, October 22nd, 5:30pm: Choir rehearsal

YouTube

Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday:
9:00am Morning Prayer
Zoom
Facebook

Tuesday-Thursday:
in person in the Bethlehem Chapel

Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday:
5:15pm live on Zoom

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Sunday, October 25th, 7:00pm: AA meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

Children's Chapel

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Children's Chapel, ages 0-10.

In **Children's Chapel**, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchard at children@stjohnsbangor.org.

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Morning Eucharist
8:00am in person
10:00am in person and on YouTube
Great Wednesday Eucharist
5:30pm in person on Wednesdays
Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri, 9:00am on Facebook and on Zoom
and in person Tuesday - Thursday in the Bethlehem Chapel
Weekday Meditation
Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30am, in the Bethlehem Chapel
Evening Prayer
Mon-Fri, 5:15pm on Zoom

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give. Looking for the right Ministry Opportunity for you? Just click the link below for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Parish Prayer List:

*If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or **prayers@stjohnsbangor.org**.*

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Frank B., Kimberley M., Marsha, Laurel, Ann, Debby, Kenny B., Donna W., Mark M., Amber, and David. **Continued prayers for** – Bonny, Shawn, Robin S., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Russell M., Mary, Shirley G., Bruce N., Kent C., Ann C., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Veronica Y., Buddy B., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Lilly J., and Layla L.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Spencer S., Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Donna C., Jerry L. and David S.

For the Departed: Mikenzy McCullough Bennett and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Mikenzy McCullough Bennett

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